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Express Mail No. **EV 313 841 413 US**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: **KESSLER et al.**

Serial No.: **09/530,746**

Art Unit: **1637**

Filed: **November 16, 2000**

Examiner: **STRZELECKA, T.**

For: **SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE  
METHOD FOR DETECTING  
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

Attorney Docket No: **1803-277-999**

**FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$0.00.

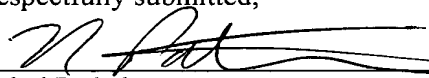
The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

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| CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT                          |    | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID |    | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |      | RATE                                  |    | ADDIT.<br>FEE   |               |
| TOTAL  | 15 | MINUS                             | 25 | 0                | x 9  | \$                                    |    | x 18  | \$ 0.00       |
| INDEP.   | 1  | MINUS                             | 5  | 0                | x 42 | \$                                    |    | x 84  | \$ 0.00       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |    |                                   |    |                  |      | TOTAL                                 | \$ | OR  | TOTAL \$ 0.00 |

Applicant believes no fee is due by the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee or refund any over payment amount to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-277-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003. In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, reconsideration of the application after entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested. Presented herein is:

Amendments to the Specification, beginning on Page 2;  
Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 6; and  
Remarks, beginning on Page 8.

Furthermore, filed herewith in addition to the present amendment and response are:

- 1) a Petition for an Extension of Time to and including August 26, 2003;
- 2) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; and
- 3) an Information Disclosure Statement with cited reference copies.